INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Officials December 31, 2020

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Title</u>	Term Expires
Marvin Smith	Chairperson	December 31, 2021
Matt Peterson	Vice Chairperson	December 31, 2024
Linda England	Secretary	December 31, 2025
Kelly Herring	Treasurer	December 31, 2022
Scott Akin	Trustee	December 31, 2023
Management Personnel		
Tim Larsen	General Manager	Indefinite
Angie Johnston	Office Manager	Indefinite

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees Corning Municipal Utilities Corning, Iowa

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of Corning Municipal Utilities (a component unit of the City of Corning, Iowa) which comprise the statements of net position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Utilities' preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utilities' internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

To the Board of Trustees Corning Municipal Utilities

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of Corning Municipal Utilities as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the respective changes in its financial position, and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, the Schedule of the Utilities' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Utilities' Contributions on pages 35 through 38 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Utilities has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated April 28, 2021 on our consideration of Corning Municipal Utilities' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Corning Municipal Utilities' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering Corning Municipal Utilities' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Atlantic, Iowa April 28, 2021

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Net Position December 31, 2020

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

		Electric		Water		Gas
Capital Assets - net of depreciation	\$	2,039,792	\$	5,232,323	\$	426,185
Special Purpose Funds: Restricted funds Board designated funds Total special purpose funds		42,275 117,288 159,563		2,122,141 167,637 2,289,778		920 920
Current Assets: Cash Certificates of deposit Accounts receivable Other accounts receivable Unbilled revenues Inventory Prepaid expenses Accrued interest receivable Total current assets		1,626,913 235,395 68,436 145,984 75,766 11,364 364 2,164,222		369,278 27,318 55,180 51,780 24,964 528,520		623,638 151,663 26,129 106,374 28,240 7,608 1,447 945,099
Other Assets: Interfund receivable Unamortized debt issuance costs Intangibles Total other assets		3,002,640 45,000 3,047,640		4,220 4,220		157,195 157,195
Total assets		7,411,217		8,054,841		1,529,399
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension		52,300	-	37,600		34,800
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$</u>	<u>7,463,517</u>	\$	8,092,4 <u>41</u>	\$	1,564,199
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RE	ESOURCE	S, AND NET I	OSITI	<u>ON</u>		
Long-Term Debt, less current maturities	\$		\$	2,224,350	\$	
Unearned Revenue				233,671		
Net Pension Liability		155,300		112,400		102,600
Current Liabilities: Current maturities of long-term debt Accounts payable Accrued employee compensation Accrued expenses Accrued interest Total current liabilities		56,362 18,664 8,520 83,546		115,000 37,093 9,332 3,303 11,594 176,322		68,855 9,332 4,882 83,069
Other Liabilities: Interfund payable Consumer deposits Total other liabilities Total liabilities		42,275 42,275 281,121		3,159,835 350 3,160,185 5,906,928		920 920
		·				186,589
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension Net Position: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted Total net position Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources,		24,900 2,084,792 5,072,704 7,157,496		18,000 4,613,309 2,445,796) 2,167,513		16,700 426,185 934,725 1,360,910
and net position	\$	7,463,517	\$	8,092,441	<u>\$</u>	1,564,199

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

	Sewer	(Garbage		Total
\$		\$		\$	7,698,300
					2,165,336
					284,925 2,450,261
					2,450,261
	2,273		21,635		2,643,737
	31,176		13,693		387,058 166,752
					307,538
					155,786 43,936
	***				43,936
	33,449		35,328		3,706,618
					3,159,835
					4,220
					45,000
-	33,449	-	35,328	-	3,209,055 17,064,234
			33,320		17,004,234
\$	33,449	\$	35,328	\$	17,188,934
				-	
\$		\$		\$	2,224,350
					233,671
					370,300
	26 #00				115,000
	26,500		17,126		205,936
					37,328 16,705
					11,594
	26,500		17,126		386,563
					3,159,835
		-		-	43,545
		•		•	3,203,380
	26,500		17,126		6,418,264
					59,600
					7,124,286
	6,949 6,949		18,202		3,586,784
	0,949	-	18,202		10,711,070
\$	33,449	\$	35,328	\$	17,188,934

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Net Position December 31, 2019

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

		Electric		Water		Gas
Capital Assets - net of depreciation	\$	2,116,236	\$	5,226,286	\$	448,735
Special Purpose Funds:						
Restricted funds		44,370		480		870
Board designated funds		650,676		249,362		367,510
Total special purpose funds	-	695,046		249,842	_	368,380
Current Assets:						
Cash		601,079		272,934		269,855
Certificates of deposit		636,421				150,000
Accounts receivable		85,751		29,215		46,826
Other accounts receivable		105.400		40.04.5		9,393
Unbilled revenues Inventory		137,429		48,345		89,530
Prepaid expenses		87,200 10,881		50,893		27,918
Accrued interest receivable		2,444		24,079		6,215
Total current assets	-	1,561,205		425,466		599,737
Other Assets		-,,		,,,,,,		0,0,101
Other Assets: Interfund receivable		2,564,404				40 001
Other		2,364,404 1,636		8,437		42,891
Intangibles		45,000		0,437		
Total other assets		2,611,040		8,437		42,891
Total assets		6,983,527		5,910,031		1,459,743
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension		52,300		37,600		34,800
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	ф	7,035,827	Φ.	5,947,631	Φ	
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RE	SOUDCE		D CETTION		<u>» —</u>	1,494,543
	BOURCE	S, AND NET P	OSIII	ION		
Long-Term Debt, less current maturities	\$		\$	516,000	\$	
Unearned Revenue				350,507		
Net Pension Liability		155,200		112,400		102,500
Current Liabilities:						
Current maturities of long-term debt				247,000		
Accounts payable		50,226		58,434		57,860
Accrued employee compensation Accrued expenses		21,726		10,863		10,863
Accrued expenses Accrued interest		7,033		4,199 1,134		5,949
Total current liabilities		78,985		321,630		74,672
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Other Liabilities: Interfund payable				2 607 205		
Consumer deposits		44,370		2,607,295 480		970
Total other liabilities	•	44,370		2,607,775		870 870
	-	-				
Total liabilities		278,555		3,908,312		178,042
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension		11,200		8,200		7,600
Net Position:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		2,162,872	,	4,121,216		448,735
Unrestricted Total not notition		4,583,200		2,090,097)		860,166
Total net position	-	6,746,072		2,031,119		1,308,901
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	\$	7,035,827	<u>\$</u>	5,9 <u>47,631</u>	<u>\$</u>	1,494,543
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.						

	Sewer		Garbage		Total
\$	7 -	\$		\$	7,791,257
					45,720
					1,267,548 1,313,268
	6,098 		21,389		1,171,355 786,421
	32,804		14,519		209.115
					9,393 275,304
					166,011 41,175
					2,444
	38,902		35,908		2,661,218
			<u></u>		2,607,295 10,073
			<u> </u>		45,000
					2,662,368
	38,902		35,908		14,428,111
					124,700
\$	38,902	\$	35,908	\$	14,552,811
\$		\$		\$	516,000
*		*		Ψ.	350,507
					370,100
					247,000
	31,953		17,706		216 179
					17,181
	31,953		17,706		43,452 17,181 1,134 524,946
	31,933		17,700		324,940
					2,607,295
					2,607,295 45,720 2,653,015
**	31,953		17,706		4,414,568
	, 		,		27,000
	 6,949		18,202		6,732,823 3,378,420
	6,949 6,949		18,202 18,202		10,111,243
6	20.000	Φ	27.000	Ф	14 660 011
	38,902	<u>\$</u>	35,908	\$	14,552,811

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Year ended December 31, 2020

•		Electric		Water	 Gas
Operating Revenues: Residential sales Commercial sales Public authority sales SIRWA revenue Other miscellaneous Total operating revenues	\$	816,577 435,364 535,121 3,379 1,790,441	\$	549,598 300,888 54,953 116,836 1,476 1,023,751	\$ 305,158 229,805 105,677 640,640
Operating Expenses: Purchased energy Operations and maintenance Customer records and collections Sales and use taxes Payroll and payroll taxes Office expense Outside services employed General insurance General administration Depreciation Total operating expenses		587,723 174,635 3,000 704 445,600 8,094 8,107 19,156 21,577 129,881 1,398,477		301,072 115,631 7,633 240,659 20,972 11,190 222,875 920,032	 303,295 37,976 9,000 1,060 183,875 7,535 9,693 20,972 14,159 22,550 610,115
Operating Income	~	391,964		103,719	30,525
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses): Income from merchandising and custom work, net Interest income Interest expense Other Non-Operating Revenues, net	_(13,890 14,444 8,874) 19,460	<u> </u>	1,780 1,530 19,043) 48,408 32,675	 450 7,082 13,952 21,484
Changes in Net Position		411,424		136,394	52,009
Net Position, Beginning of Year	-	6,746,072		2,031,119	 1,308,901
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	7,157,496	\$	2,167,513	\$ 1,360,910

 Sewer	(Garbage		Total
\$ 	\$		\$	1,671,333
				966,057 695,751
				695,751
				116,836
 2,400 2,400		389 389		7,644 3,457,621
2,400		389		3,457,621
				891,018
				513 683
				12,000 1,764 745,106 23,262
				1.764
				745,106
				23,262
				258,459
				258,459 61,100 49,715 375,306
2,400		389		49,715
 				375,306
 2,400	-	389		2,931,413
				526,208
		par 100		16,120
				23,056
			(19.043)
				53,486
 			-	53,486 73,619
m m				599,827
 6,949		18,202		10,111,243
\$ 6,949	\$	18,202	\$	10,711,070

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Year ended December 31, 2019

		Electric		Water		Gas
Operating Revenues: Residential sales Commercial sales Public authority sales SIRWA revenue Other miscellaneous Total operating revenues	\$	801,362 464,427 565,058 5,795 1,836,642	\$	517,473 314,255 56,892 116,836 1,522 1,006,978	\$	361,197 281,135 123,525 378 766,235
Operating Expenses: Purchased energy Operations and maintenance Customer records and collections Sales and use taxes Payroll and payroll taxes Office expense Outside services employed General insurance General administration Depreciation Total operating expenses		654,324 132,059 4,000 1,980 413,759 10,276 10,604 17,381 21,781 128,670 1,394,834		393,863 122,191 9,677 240,089 16,589 12,619 217,647 1,012,675		369,761 39,168 10,000 422 208,411 9,687 10,630 16,589 15,428 26,183 706,279
Operating Income (Loss)		441,808	(5,697)		59,956
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses): Income from merchandising and custom work, net Interest income Interest expense Gain on sale Other Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses), net	(25,784 31,899 4,734) 751 822) 52,878	(1,741 4,615 15,089) 505 11,000) 19,228)		425 9,281 39,820 49,526
Changes in Net Position		494,686	(24,925)		109,482
Net Position, Beginning of Year		6,251,386		2,056,044		1,199,419
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	6,746,072	\$	2,031,119	<u>\$</u>	1,308,901

	Sewer	<u>G</u>	arbage		Total
\$		\$		\$	1,680,032
				•	1,059,817
					745,475
					116,836
	2,400		403 403		10,498
	2,400 2,400		403		3,612,658
					1,024,085
					565,090
					14,000
					2,402
					744,361
					29,640 261,323
					50,559
	2,400		403		52,631
					52,631 372,500
	2,400		403		3,116,591
					496,067
					27,950
					45,795
				(19,823)
				`	1,256
				_	27,998
					27,998 83,176
					579,243
-	6,949		18,202		9,532,000
\$	6,949	\$	18,202	\$	10,111,243

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Cash Flows Year ended December 31, 2020

		Electric		Water		Gas
Cash flows from operating activities: Cash received from consumers Cash paid to suppliers Cash paid to employees Cash paid to City Other operating receipts Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (1,795,822 928,644) 309,004) 8,395 566,569	\$ (—	900,501 615,845) 81,412) 51,664 254,908	\$ (653,886 440,025) 131,658) 14,402 96,605
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities: Change in interfund Consumer deposits, net Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	(438,236) 2,095) 440,331)	_(552,540 130) 552,410	(114,304) 50 114,254)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities: Capital expenditures Proceeds from long-term debt Principal payments Interest paid Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	(53,437) 53,437)	(240,335) 2,339,350 763,000) 8,583) 1,327,432		
Cash flows from investing activities: Redemption (purchase) of certificates of deposit Income from investments Net cash provided by investing activities		401,026 16,524 417,550		1,530 1,530	(1,663) 5,635 3,972
Net increase (decrease) in cash		490,351		2,136,280	(13,677)
Cash at beginning of year		1,296,125		522,776		638,235
Cash at end of year	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,786,476</u>	<u>\$</u>	2,659,056	\$	624,558
Reconciliation of cash to the balance sheets: Cash in current assets Cash in special purpose funds	\$	1,626,913 159,563	\$	369,278 2,289,778	\$	623,638 920
Total cash	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,786,476</u>	<u>\$</u>	2,659,056	\$	624,558

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Se	wer	 arbage		Total
\$	483,326 489,551) 2,400	\$ 201,105 201,248) 389 246	\$ ((4,034,640 1,984,514) 522,074) 690,799) 77,250
(3,825)	246		914,503
		 		2,17 <u>5</u>)
			(2,175)
			(293,772) 2,339,350 763,000) 8,583)
				1,273,995
-		 		399,363 23,689 423,052
(3,825)	246		2,609,375
	6,098	 21,389		2,484,623
\$	2,273	\$ 21,635	<u>\$</u>	5,093,998
\$	2,273	\$ 21,635	\$	2,643,737 2,450,261
\$	2,273	\$ 21,635	\$	5,093,998

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Cash Flows - continued Year ended December 31, 2020

	<u>F</u>	Electric		Water		Gas
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:						
Operating income Adjustments to reconcile operating income	\$	391,964	\$	103,719	\$	30,525
to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:						
Other non-operating revenues		5,016		50,188		14,402
Depreciation		129,881		222,875		22,550
Amortization		1,636		4,217		
Unearned revenues			(116,836)		
Change in assets and liabilities:			`	, ,		
Accounts receivable/unbilled revenues		8,760	(4,938)		13,246
Inventory		11,434	(887)	(322)
Prepaid expenses	(483)	(885)	(1,393)
Net pension liability	`	100	`		(100
Accounts payable, trade		6,136	(9,918)		10,995
Accrued employee compensation	(3,062)	(1,531)	(1,531)
Accrued expenses	•	1,487	(⁽ 896)	(1,067)
Deferred inflows of resources		13,700		9,800	•	9,100
Total adjustments		174,605		151,189		66,080
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	566,569	\$	254,908	\$	96,605

S	Sewer		Garbage		Total		
\$		\$		\$	526,208		
	 		 	(69,606 375,306 5,853 116,836)		
(1,628 5,453) 3,825)	(826 580) 246	(19,522 10,225 2,761) 200 1,180 6,124) 476) 32,600 388,295		
\$(3,825)	\$	246	\$	914,503		

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Cash Flows Year ended December 31, 2019

		Electric		Water	-	Gas
Cash flows from operating activities: Cash received from consumers Cash paid to suppliers Cash paid to employees Cash paid to City	\$ (1,826,699 992,657) 295,891)	\$ (884,633 656,459) 88,190)	\$ ((810,453 568,811) 146,933)
Other operating receipts (payments) Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		30,757 568,908		7,737) 132,247		40,623 135,332
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities: Change in interfund Consumer deposits, net Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	(389,575) 3,412) 392,987)		410,186 255 410,441	(20,611) 250 20,361)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities: Capital expenditures Proceeds from sale of assets Principal payments Interest paid Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(27,983) 751 340,000) 5,571)	(90,852) 505 239,000) 15,444)	(25,726)
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchase of certificates of deposit Income from investments Net cash provided by investing activities	(372,803) 6,542) 31,359 24,817		344,791) 4,615 4,615		25,726) 101,197 10,327 111,524
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(172,065)		202,512		200,769
Cash at beginning of year		1,468,190		320,264	-	437,466
Cash at end of year	\$	1,296,125	<u>\$</u>	522,776	\$	638,235
Reconciliation of cash to the balance sheets: Cash in current assets Cash in special purpose funds	\$	601,079 695,046	\$	272,934 249,842	\$	269,855 368,380
Total cash	<u>\$</u>	1,296,125	\$	522,776	\$	638,235

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	Sewer		Garbage		Total
\$	473,795 	\$	200,649 	\$	4,196,229 2,217,927)
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-					2,907)
				(2,907)
				(144,561)
				(1,256 579,000)
					21,015)
				(743,320)
					04.655
					94,655 46,301
-					140,956
(3,858)		589		227,947
	9,956		20,800		2,256,676
\$	6,098	<u>\$</u>	21,389	\$	2,484,623
\$	6,098	\$	21,389	\$	1,171,355 1,313,268
\$	6,098	\$	21,389	\$	2,484,623

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Statements of Cash Flows - continued Year ended December 31, 2019

	I	Electric		Water		Gas
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	\$	441,808	\$(5,697)	\$	59,956
Other non-operating revenues (expenses) Depreciation Amortization Unearned revenues		24,962 128,670 3,272	(9,259) 217,647 4,217 116,836)		40,245 26,183
Change in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable/unbilled revenues Inventory Prepaid expenses Deferred outflows of resources	(4,148) 24,486) 191) 6,800	. (3,987) 1,209 288) 4,900	(44,596 3,127) 972 4,600
Net pension liability Accounts payable, trade Accrued employee compensation Accrued expenses Deferred inflows of resources Total adjustments	(7,600) 10,477) 5,108 2,390 2,800 127,100		5,400) 39,284 2,554 1,903 2,000 137,944	(5,100) 39,686) 2,554 2,239 1,900 75,376
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	568,908	\$	132,247	\$	135,332

Sewer			Garbage	Total		
\$		\$		\$	496,067	
	 		 	(55,948 372,500 7,489 116,836)	
(3,717) 	(171) 	(32,573 26,404) 493	
(141) 		 760 	(16,300 18,100) 10,260) 10,216 6,532 6,700	
	3,858)		589		337,151	
<u>\$(</u>	3,858)	\$	589	\$	833,218	

NOTE A - REPORTING ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Reporting Entity

Corning Municipal Utilities provides electricity, water, and gas services to the City of Corning and the surrounding area. The Utilities are operated as a separate entity under the direction of a Board of Trustees. The members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

Corning Municipal Utilities has been identified as a component unit of the City of Corning, Iowa. The Utilities, for financial statement purposes, include all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operation of the electric, water, and gas services. Corning Municipal Utilities also provides billing and collection of sewer and garbage services for the City of Corning, however, those amounts have been netted for financial statement purposes. These financial statements do not reflect any activity or transactions of the City of Corning and do not present consolidated information.

The Utilities report in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards and Uniform Systems of Accounts prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

2. Basis of Presentation

The Statements of Net Position display the Utilities' assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories:

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position:

- a. *Nonexpendable* Nonexpendable net position is subject to externally imposed stipulations which require them to be maintained permanently by the Utilities.
- b. *Expendable* Expendable net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

When both restricted and unrestricted net position is available for use, generally it is the Utilities' policy to use restricted net position first.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE A - REPORTING ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

3. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred.

4. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

5. Capital Assets and Depreciation

The straight-line method is used for computing depreciation with lives on machinery and equipment ranging from five to thirty-five years and lives on buildings of fifty years. Cost of labor, materials, supervision and other expenses incurred in making repairs and minor replacements and in maintaining the properties in efficient operating condition are charged to expense. Utility plant accounts are charged with the cost of improvements and replacements of the plant.

6. Accounts Receivable and Unbilled Revenues

Billings for electric, water, gas, sewer, and garbage revenues are rendered monthly. Unbilled revenues for service consumed between periodic scheduled billing dates is estimated and is recognized as revenue in the period in which the service is provided.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, management considered accounts receivable to be fully collectible and, therefore, these financial statements do not contain an allowance for doubtful accounts.

7. <u>Inventory Valuation</u>

Inventories (materials, supplies and fuel) are valued at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by the average cost method for materials and supplies.

NOTE A - REPORTING ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

8. Investments

Investments are reported at fair value except for short-term highly liquid investments with maturities of less than one year at the time of purchase. These investments are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Interest, dividends, and gains and losses, both realized and unrealized, on investments are included in other non-operating revenue when earned.

9. Purpose of Special Funds

The Utilities have set aside certain assets for specific purposes. The board designated funds represent money designated by the Board of Trustees to be used in the payment of certain potential costs as identified in Note D. The restricted funds, as discussed in Note D, are the result of requirements established in bond issue documents and for consumer deposits. Use of restricted or unrestricted resources for individual projects is determined by the Utility Board of Trustees based on the facts regarding each specific situation.

10. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position applicable to future periods which will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. Deferred outflows of resources consist of unrecognized items not yet charged to pension expense and contributions from the Utilities after the measurement date but before the end of the Utilities' reporting period.

11. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) and additions to/deductions from IPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by IPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

12. Compensated Absences

Utility employees earn vacation hours at varying rates depending on years of service. Vacation time accumulates to a maximum of 320 hours. Any excess over 320 hours is lost. The computed amount of vacation benefits earned by year end is recorded as part of accrued employee compensation.

13. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position applicable to future periods which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position consists of the unrecognized items not yet charged to pension expense and the unamortized portion of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS' investments.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE A - REPORTING ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

14. Property Taxes

According to Iowa law, the Electric Utility is required to pay property taxes on transmission lines and related Utility property outside the Corning city limits. The property taxes are recorded as of the date they are paid.

15. Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Corning Municipal Utilities considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

NOTE B - TRANSACTIONS WITH CITY OF CORNING, IOWA

The Utilities act as the billing and collection agent for the City in the collection of sewer and garbage fees from the residents of Corning. This service is provided for a minimal charge to the City.

The Utilities provide electric, water, and gas services to the City of Corning.

Following is a summary of activity between the Utilities and City during the year:

	2020	2019
Sewer Fees Collected for City	<u>\$ 483,326</u>	<u>\$ 473,795</u>
Garbage Fees Collected for City	<u>\$ 201,105</u>	\$ 200,649
Charge to City for Sewer Billing Service	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Charge to City for Utilities	<u>\$ 11,263</u>	<u>\$ 11,682</u>

NOTE C - TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN ELECTRIC, WATER, AND GAS FUNDS

Certain administrative costs are split between the Electric, Water, and Gas Funds based on a formula applied consistently throughout the years. Other costs and all revenues are separately identified and accounted for within each Fund.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE C - TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN ELECTRIC, WATER, AND GAS FUNDS -Continued

Interfund receivable due to Electric Fund from

Following is information about interdepartment transactions and amounts due between the Electric, Water, and Gas Funds at December 31:

2020

2019

Water Fund Interfund receivable due to Electric Fund from Uniterfund receivable due to Gas Fund from Water	\$ 3,002,640	\$ 2,564,404
Fund	<u> 157,195</u>	42,891
	\$ 3,159,835	<u>\$ 2,607,295</u>
NOTE D - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS		
Restricted and board designated funds are available for	the following purpos	es:
Electric Fund	2020	2010
Restricted for: Consumer deposits	2020 \$ 42,275	2019 \$ 44,370
Board designated for: Facility repairs and capital expenditures	<u>\$ 117,288</u>	<u>\$ 650,676</u>
Water Fund	2020	2010
Restricted for: Consumer deposits Reserve fund Bond proceeds for water project	2020 \$ 350 172,004 1,949,787	\$ 480
	\$ 2,122,141	<u>\$ 480</u>
Board designated for: Facility repairs and capital expenditures Debt payments	\$ 33 167,604 \$ 167,637	\$ 249,362 <u></u> \$ 249,362
Gas Fund		
Restricted for: Consumer deposits	<u>\$ 920</u>	<u>\$ 870</u>
Board designated for: Facility repairs and capital expenditures	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 367,510</u>

NOTE E - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Utilities' deposits at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to ensure there will be no loss of public funds. The investments are all insured, registered, or held by the Utilities or their agent in the Utilities' name. Investments are stated as indicated in Note A.

The Utilities are authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States Government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Trustees; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Utilities had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at an amortized cost of \$2,406,716 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. There were no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals for the IPAIT investments. The Utility's investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

The composition of restricted and designated funds is as follows:

Electric Fund	2020	2019
Restricted funds: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 42,275</u>	<u>\$ 44,370</u>
Board designated funds: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 117,288</u>	\$ 650,676
Water Fund	2020	2019
Restricted funds: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,122,141</u>	<u>\$ 480</u>
Board designated funds: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 167,637</u>	<u>\$ 249,362</u>
Gas Fund	2020	2019
Restricted funds: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 920</u>	<u>\$ 870</u>
Board designated funds: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 367,510</u>

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE E - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - Continued

<u>Interest rate risk</u> - The Utilities' investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Utilities.

NOTE F - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Utilities' investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statements of net position. The methods used to measure fair value may produce an amount that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1). Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Utilities uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its interfund receivable. When available, the Utilities measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. No Level 1 or 2 inputs were available to the Utilities, therefore, Level 3 inputs were used to value its investments at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The Utilities' interfund receivables are not actively traded and significant other observable inputs are not available. The fair value of the interfund receivables are based on contract value.

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Utilities' investments at fair value as of December 31, 2020 and 2019:

December 31, 2020		<u>F</u>	Fair Value	Ur	ignificant nobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Interfund receivable - electric Interfund receivable - gas		\$	3,002,640 157,195	\$	3,002,640 157,195
		<u>\$</u>	3,159,835	<u>\$</u>	3,159,835
December 31, 2019					
Interfund receivable - electric Interfund receivable - gas		\$	2,564,404 42,891	\$	2,564,404 42,891
	- 17 -	\$	2,607,295	<u>\$</u>	2,607,295

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE F - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued

The following table reconciles the beginning and ending balances of fair value measurement for the Utilities' Level 3 assets using unobservable inputs for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

		Interfund Receivable (Payable)				
December 31, 2020	_ <u>D</u>	Electric epartment	_De	Gas partment	_D	Water epartment
Beginning balance Advances to Water	\$	2,564,404	\$	42,891	\$(2,607,295)
Department		438,236		114,304	_(_	552,540)
Ending balance	<u>\$</u>	3,002,640	\$	157,195	<u>\$(</u>	3,159,835)
December 31, 2019						
Beginning balance	\$	2,174,829	\$	22,280	\$(2,197,109)
Advances to Water Department		389,575		20,611	_(_	410,186)
Ending balance	<u>\$</u>	2,564,404	\$	42,891	<u>\$(</u>	2,607,295)

NOTE G - UNEARNED REVENUE

In conjunction with the construction of the new water treatment facility, the Utilities received \$2,336,716 from Southwestern Iowa Rural Water Association (SIRWA) related to future usage of the new water plant facility. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the amount unearned is \$233,671 and \$350,507, respectively. SIRWA does not possess any ownership rights in the water plant facility. Therefore, the payment received from them is being recognized as revenue over the period of repayment of the bonds used to purchase the new facility (20 years).

The unearned revenue will be recognized as follows:

2021 2022	\$	116,836 116,835
	<u>\$</u>	233,671

NOTE H - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, additions, disposals, and balances for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

		lance 019	Ad	ditions	Dist	osals		Balance 2020
Electric Fund Plant and Equipment Depreciation		,437,262 ,387,546	\$	53,437 129,881	\$		\$	5,490,699 3,517,427
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	<u>\$</u> 2	,049,716	<u>\$(</u>	<u>76,444</u>)	\$		\$	1,973,272
Land	\$	66,520	\$		\$		\$	66,520
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	\$	66,520	\$		\$		<u>\$</u>	66,520
Total Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 2</u>	,116,236	<u>\$(</u>	<u>76,444</u>)	\$		\$	2,039,792
		lance 018	Ad	ditions	Disp	osals		Balance 2019
Electric Fund Plant and Equipment Depreciation	\$ 5		Ad \$	27,983 128,670	Disp	8,500 8,500	\$	
Plant and Equipment	\$ 5 3	,417,779		27,983		8,500	\$	20195,437,262
Plant and Equipment Depreciation Depreciable Capital Assets,	\$ 5 3	,417,779 ,267,376	\$	27,983 128,670	\$	8,500	\$ \$ \$	5,437,262 3,387,546
Plant and Equipment Depreciation Depreciable Capital Assets, net	\$ 5 3 \$ 2	018 ,417,779 ,267,376 ,150,403	\$ <u>\$(</u>	27,983 128,670 100,687)	\$ 	8,500	<u>\$</u>	5,437,262 3,387,546 2,049,716

NOTE H - CAPITAL ASSETS - Continued

	Balance 2019	Additions	Disposals	Balance 2020
Water Fund Plant and Equipment Depreciation	\$ 8,576,238 3,559,144	\$ 164,039 222,875	\$ 	\$ 8,740,277 3,782,019
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	\$ 5,017,094	<u>\$(</u> 58,836)	<u>\$</u>	\$ 4,958,258
Construction in Progress Land	\$ 66,654 142,538	\$ 64,873	\$ 	\$ 131,527 142,538
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	\$ 209,192	\$ 64,873	\$	<u>\$ 274,065</u>
Total Capital Assets, net	\$ 5,226,286	\$ 6,037	\$	\$ 5,232,323
	Balance 2018	Additions	Disposals	Balance 2019
Water Fund Plant and Equipment Depreciation		Additions \$ 24,198 217,647	Disposals \$ 16,250	
Plant and Equipment	\$ 8,568,290	\$ 24,198	\$ 16,250	2019 \$ 8,576,238
Plant and Equipment Depreciation Depreciable Capital Assets,	\$ 8,568,290 3,357,747	\$ 24,198 217,647	\$ 16,250 16,250	\$ 8,576,238 3,559,144
Plant and Equipment Depreciation Depreciable Capital Assets, net Construction in Progress	\$ 8,568,290 3,357,747 \$ 5,210,543 \$	\$ 24,198 217,647 \$(193,449)	\$ 16,250 16,250 \$	\$ 8,576,238 3,559,144 \$ 5,017,094 \$ 66,654

NOTE H - CAPITAL ASSETS - Continued

	Balance 2019 Additions		Disposals	Balance 2020	
Gas Fund Plant and Equipment Depreciation	\$ 1,268,562 819,827	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 1,268,562 842,377	
Total Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 448,735</u>	<u>\$(22,550</u>)	\$	<u>\$ 426,185</u>	
	Balance 2018	Additions	Disposals	Balance 2019	
Gas Fund Plant and Equipment Depreciation	\$ 1,242,836 	\$ 25,726 26,183	\$ 	\$ 1,268,562 819,827	
Total Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 449,192</u>	<u>\$(</u> 457)	\$	<u>\$ 448,735</u>	

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE I - ELECTRIC FUND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

A schedule of changes in Electric Fund non-current liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 follows:

Electric Fund]	Balance 2019	A	Additions	_Re	ductions		Balance 2020
Net Pension Liability Consumer Deposits, net	\$	155,200 44,370	\$	100	\$	2,095	\$	155,300 42,275
Total Non-Current Liabilitie	s <u>\$</u>	199,570	\$	100	\$	2,095	<u>\$</u>	197,575
Electric Fund		Balance 2018	A	Additions	_Re	ductions		Balance 2019
2011 Revenue Bonds Less Current Portion Long-Term Debt, net	\$(340,000 165,000) 175,000	\$		\$ _(340,000 165,000) 175,000	\$	
Net Pension Liability Consumer Deposits, net		162,800 47,782				7,600 3,412	<u></u>	155,200 44,370
Total Non-Current Liabilities	s <u>\$</u>	385,582	\$		\$	186,012	<u>\$</u>	199,570

NOTE J - WATER FUND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

A schedule of changes in Water Fund non-current liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 follows:

Water Fund		Balance 2019	 Additions	_ Re	ductions		Balance 2020
2002 Revenue Bonds 2020 Revenue Bonds Debt Premium Less Current Portion Long-Term Debt, net	\$ (763,000 247,000) 516,000	\$ 2,300,000 39,350 2,339,350	\$	763,000 132,000) 631,000	\$	2,300,000 39,350 115,000) 2,224,350
Net Pension Liability Interfund Payable Consumer Deposits, net		112,400 2,607,295 480	 552,540		130		112,400 3,159,835 350
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,236,175</u>	\$ <u>2,891,890</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>631,130</u>	\$	5,496,935

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE J - WATER FUND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - Continued

Water Fund		Balance 2018	A	dditions	Re	eductions		Balance 2019
2002 Revenue Bonds Less Current Portion Long-Term Debt, net	\$	1,002,000 239,000) 763,000	\$ _(8,000) 8,000)	\$	239,000	\$ _(_	763,000 247,000) 516,000
Net Pension Liability Interfund Payable Consumer Deposits, net		117,800 2,197,109 225		410,186 255		5,400		112,400 2,607,295 480
Total Non-Current Liabilities	s <u>\$</u>	3,078,134	\$	402,441	\$	244,400	\$	3,236,175

Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2002

On April 16, 2002, Corning Municipal Utilities issued water revenue bonds in the amount of \$4,008,000 with interest at the rate of 1.75 percent for the constructing of improvements and extensions to the water distribution system. Interest on the bonds was payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year the notes were outstanding. Principal payments on the bonds commenced on June 1, 2002 and were due annually thereafter until paid in full. Debt service payments were payable solely from the net revenues of the water utility.

The resolutions providing for the debt issuance of the water revenue notes included the following provisions:

- (a) The notes will only be redeemed from the future net revenues of the Water Fund activity and the bond holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the fund.
- (b) The proceeds shall be used for the sole purpose of constructing a new water treatment facility as approved in the project plan.

The Utilities was not required to establish a sinking or reserve account by the Water Revenue Bond resolution.

Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2020

On September 30, 2020, Corning Municipal Utilities issued water revenue bonds in the amount of \$2,300,000 with interest at the rate of 2.00 percent for the purpose of defraying the cost of replacing water mains. Interest on the bonds is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year the notes are outstanding. Principal payments on the bonds commence on June 1, 2021 and are due annually thereafter until paid in full. Debt service payments are payable solely from the net revenues of the water utility.

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE J - WATER FUND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES - Continued

The resolutions providing for the debt issuance of the water revenue notes include the following provisions:

- (a) The notes will only be redeemed from the future net revenues of the Water Fund activity and the bond holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the fund.
- (b) The proceeds shall be used for the sole purpose of replacing water mains as approved in the project plan.

The Utilities is required to establish a sinking or reserve account by the Water Revenue Bond resolution and has done so in accordance with the agreement.

The Water Revenue Bond requirements state that net revenues should be at least 110% of the amount of principal and interest falling due in the same year.

The annual debt service on the bonds is expected to require approximately 44% of cash flow available for debt service. For the current year, debt service and cash flow for debt were approximately \$ - 0 - and \$382,500, respectively.

Principal and interest payments required on Water Fund long-term debt during each of the years ending December 31, 2021 through 2036 are as follows:

	P	<u>Principal</u>		nterest	Total		
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026-2030 2013-2035 2036	\$	115,000 125,000 130,000 130,000 135,000 715,000 785,000 165,000	\$	52,644 42,450 39,900 37,300 34,650 131,450 56,450 1,650	\$	167,644 167,450 169,900 167,300 169,650 846,450 841,450 166,650	
•	\$	2,300,000	\$	396,494	\$	2,696,494	

NOTE K - GAS FUND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

A schedule of changes in Gas Fund non-current liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 follows:

Gas	Fund

OW T WILL		Balance 2019		Additions	R	eductions		Balance 2020
Net Pension Liability Consumer Deposit, net	\$	102,500 870	\$	100 50	\$		\$	102,600 920
Total Non-Current Liabilitie	s <u>\$</u>	103,370	<u>\$</u>	150	\$		<u>\$</u>	103,520
Gas Fund		Balance 2018		Additions	Re	eductions		Balance 2019
Net Pension Liability Consumer Deposit, net	\$	107,600 620	\$	<u></u> 250	\$	5,100	\$	102,500 870
Total Non-Current Liabilities								

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE L - PENSION PLAN

<u>Plan Description</u> - IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the Utilities, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the Utilities are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided by general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits - A Regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, any time after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits. Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier based on years of service.
- The member's highest five-year average salary, except members with service before June 30, 2012 will use the highest three-year average salary as of that date if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25% for each month the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned on or after July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50% for each month the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits - A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE L - PENSION PLAN - Continued

<u>Contributions</u> - Contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. State statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the "entry age normal" actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal year 2020 and 2019, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 6.29% of covered payroll and the Utilities contributed 9.44% of covered payroll for a total rate of 15.73%.

The Utilities' contributions to IPERS for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were approximately \$46,400 and \$48,900, respectively.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Utilities reported a liability of \$370,300 and \$370,100, respectively for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, which is an estimate as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an estimate of an actuarial valuation. The Utilities' proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Utilities' share of contributions to IPERS relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2019, the Utilities' proportion was 0.006394%, which was an increase of 0.000545% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE L - PENSION PLAN - Continued

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Utilities' recognized pension expense of approximately \$13,600 and \$44,000, respectively. The Utilities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	2020						
	Ele	ctric	W	Water			
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 400	\$ 5,600	\$ 300	\$ 4,000			
Changes of assumptions	16,600	Del Del	12,000				
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS investments	. 	17,500		12,500			
Changes in proportion and differences between Utilities contributions and proportionate share of contributions	15,800	1,800	11,300	1,500			
Utilities contributions subsequent to the measurement date	19,500	51 50	14,000				
	\$ 52,300	<u>\$ 24,900</u>	\$ 37,600	\$ 18,000			
		20	20				
		as		Utilities			
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 300	\$ 3,700	\$ 1,000	\$ 13,300			
Changes of assumptions	11,100		39,700				
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS investments		11,700		41,700			
Changes in proportion and differences between Utilities contributions and proportionate share of contributions	10,500	1,300	37,600	4,600			
Utilities contributions subsequent to the measurement date	12,900		46,400				
	\$ 34,800	\$ 16,700	\$ 124,700	\$ 59,600			

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE L - PENSION PLAN - Continued

	2019						
		lectric			Vater		
	Deferred Outflows of Resourc	Infl		Deferred Outflows of Resource]	Deferred Inflows Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 80	00 \$	3,500	\$ 70	0 \$	2,600	
Changes of assumptions	22,20	00		15,90	0		
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS investments	-~		4,200			3,000	
Changes in proportion and differences between Utilities contributions and proportionate share of contributions	8,80	0	3,500	6,30	0	2,600	
Utilities contributions subsequent to the measurement date	20,50	0		14,70	<u> </u>		
	\$ 52,30	0 \$ 1	11,200	\$ 37,60	<u>\$</u>	8,200	
			20	19			
		Gas		Total A	.ll Util	ities	
	Deferred	Defe		Deferred		eferred	
	Outflows	Inflo		Outflows		nflows	
	of Resource	s of Reso	ources	of Resource	<u>s of l</u>	Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 50	0 \$	2,300	\$ 2,000	\$	8,400	
Changes of assumptions	14,70	0		52,800)	mw	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS investments			2,900			10,100	
Changes in proportion and differences between Utilities contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,90	0	2,400	21,000)	8,500	
Utilities contributions subsequent to the measurement date	13,70	0		48,900	<u>) </u>	30 50	
	\$ 34,80	0 \$	<u>7,600</u>	\$ 124,700	<u>\$</u>	27,000	

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE L - PENSION PLAN - Continued

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of \$46,400 and \$48,900 represent the amount the Utilities contributed subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	E1	ectric		Water		Gas		Total <u>Utilities</u>
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025	\$	7,000 500 200 600) 800	\$ (4,900 400 200 400) 500	\$ 	4,600 300 200 400) 500	\$ (16,500 1,200 600 1,400) 1,800
	\$	<u>7,900</u>	<u>\$</u>	5,600	<u>\$</u>	5,200	\$	18,700
Year Ended December 31,	E16	ectric_		Water		Gas		Total <u>Utilities</u>
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	\$	11,900 7,000 1,100 700 100)	\$	8,500 5,000 800 500 100)	\$	7,800 4,600 700 500 100)	\$	28,200 16,600 2,600 1,700 300)
	\$	20,600	<u>\$</u>	14,700	\$	13,500	\$	48,800

There were no non-employer contribution entities to IPERS.

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Rate of Inflation (effective June 30, 2017)	2.60% per annum.
Rates of salary increases (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25% to 16.25%, average, including inflation. Rates vary by membership group.
Long-term investment rate of return (effective June 30, 2017)	7.00% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation.
Wage growth (effective June 30, 2017)	3.25% per annum based on 2.60% inflation and 0.65% real wage inflation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an economic assumption study dated March 24, 2017 and a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018.

Mortality rates used in the 2019 valuation were based on the RP-2014 Employee and Healthy Annuitant Tables with the MP-2017 generational adjustments.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE L - PENSION PLAN - Continued

The long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	22.0%	5.60%
International equity	15.0	6.08
Global smart beta equity	3.0	5.82
Core plus fixed income	27.0	1.71
Public credit	3.5	3.32
Public real assets	7.0	2.81
Cash	1.0	(0.21)
Private equity	11.0	10.13
Private real assets	7.5	4.76
Private credit	3.0	3.01
Total	100%	

<u>Discount Rate</u> - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and contributions from the Utilities will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, IPERS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Utilities' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the Utilities' proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Utilities' proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower (6.00%) or 1% higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	1% ecrease 5.00%)		Piscount Rate 7.00%)		1% Increase (8.00%)
Electric Water Gas	\$ 275,700 199,600 182,200	\$	155,300 112,400 102,600	\$	54,300 39,300 35,800
Utilities' proportionate share of the net pension liability - December 31, 2020	\$ 657,500	<u>\$</u>	370,300	<u>\$</u>	129,400

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE L - PENSION PLAN - Continued

		1% Decrease (6.00%)		Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)		
Electric Water Gas	\$	263,400 190,800 174,000	\$	155,200 112,400 102,500	\$	64,500 46,700 42,500	
Utilities' proportionate share of the net pension liability - December 31, 2019	<u>\$</u>	628,200	<u>\$</u>	370,100	\$	153,700	

<u>IPERS' Fiduciary Net Position</u> - Detailed information about IPERS' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS' website at <u>www.ipers.org</u>.

Payables to IPERS - At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Utilities reported payables to IPERS of \$ - 0 - and \$ - 0 -, respectively, for legally required employer contributions and \$ - 0 - and \$ - 0 -, respectively, for legally required employee contributions which had been withheld from employee wages but not yet been remitted to IPERS.

NOTE M - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Plan Description: The Utilities operate a single-employer benefit plan which provides medical and prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses. Group insurance benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 509A.13. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

OPEB Benefits: Individuals who are employed by the Utilities and are eligible to participate in the group health plan are eligible to continue healthcare benefits upon retirement. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical and prescription drug benefits as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy and an OPEB liability.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE M - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - Continued

Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement. At December 31, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently	
receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	 7
Total	7

Net OPEB Obligation: Management of the Utilities consider any OPEB obligation, which may exist, to be immaterial. No liability has been recorded.

NOTE N - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Construction

The Water Department construction in progress, approximately \$131,500, represents the ongoing Water Main Replacement Project. This project has an estimated capital cost to complete of \$2,300,000. The project is being financed through internally generated funds and through debt proceeds.

Risk Management

The Utilities are exposed to common business risks of loss. These risks are covered to the extent practical by the purchase of commercial insurance. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Off Balance Sheet and Concentration of Credit Risk

Accounts receivable are due for electric, water, gas, sewer, and garbage charges to customers of Corning, Iowa and the surrounding area. None of the receivables are collateralized. To date, these concentrations of credit risk have not had an adverse effect on the results of operations of the Utilities.

Environmental Regulations

The Utilities are subject to various federal and state environmental regulations. These regulations are continuously revised and updated, resulting in ongoing compliance requirements. Management has determined that the facility is currently in compliance with the applicable regulations. The Utilities anticipate that any future cost incurred relating to environmental regulations will be recovered through rates charged to customers.

Related Party Transactions

The Utilities had business transactions totaling \$1,235 between the Utilities and a business partially owned by a trustee during the year ended December 31, 2020 (\$7,418 for 2019).

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2020 and 2019

NOTE N - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES - Continued

Purchase of Gas

In 2008, the Utilities entered into a purchase commitment to purchase all gas requirements from Interstate Municipal Gas Agency. This contract expires July 31, 2027.

Subsequent Events

The Utilities has evaluated all subsequent events through April 28, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Budgetary Comparison Schedule Year Ended December 31, 2020

Required Supplementary Information

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearings. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily-prescribed procedures. The following is a reconciliation between reported amounts and the modified accrual basis used to prepare the budget. The adjustments result from accounting for depreciation and net position differently for financial statement and budget purposes.

	Per Financial Statements				Budget		Combined			
		Electric	_	Water		Gas	_A	djustments		Utilities
Revenues	\$	1,818,775	\$	1,075,469	\$	662,124	\$		\$	3,556,368
Expenses		1,407,351		939,075		610,115	_(_	375,306)		2,581,235
Net		411,424		136,394		52,009		375,306		975,133
Balance beginning of year		6,746,072		2,031,119		1,308,901	_(_	7,187,587)		2,898,505
Balance end of year	<u>\$</u>	7,157,496	<u>\$</u>	2,167,513	<u>\$</u>	1,360,910	<u>\$(</u>	6,812,281)	<u>\$_</u>	3,873,638
						Budget Basis		Budget		Variance Favorable Infavorable)
Revenues					\$		\$	Budget 3,734,500		Favorable
Revenues Expenses					\$	Basis	\$		<u>(U</u>	Favorable <u>Infavorable)</u>
					\$	Basis 3,556,368	\$	3,734,500	<u>(U</u>	Favorable Infavorable) 178,132)
Expenses	of y	rear			\$	Basis 3,556,368 2,581,235	\$	3,734,500 3,573,398	<u>(U</u>	Favorable Infavorable) 178,132) 992,163

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Schedule of the Utilities' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System For the Last Six Years

Required Supplementary Information

	 2020	•	2019
Utilities' proportion of the net pension liability	0.006394%		0.005849%
Utilities' proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 370,300	\$	370,100
Utilities' covered payroll	\$ 518,000	\$	460,000
Utilities' proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	71.49%		80.46%
IPERS' net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	85.45%		83.62%

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the amounts presented for each year were determined as of the preceding year-end.

Amounts reported are rounded.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

 2018	 2017	 2016	-	2015
0.005828%	0.005221%	0.005573%		0.005572%
\$ 388,200	\$ 328,600	\$ 275,300	\$	275,316
\$ 426,000	\$ 411,000	\$ 343,000	\$	377,000
91.13%	79.95%	80.26%		73.03%
82.21%	81.82%	85.19%		87.61%

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Schedule of Utilities' Contributions

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System For the Last Seven Years

Required Supplementary Information

		2020		2019
Statutorily required contribution	\$	46,000	\$	49,000
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	_(_	46,000)	_(_	49,000)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$	
Utilities' covered payroll	\$	491,000	\$	518,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		9.37%		9.46%

Note: GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Utilities will present information for those years for which information is available.

Note: Amounts are rounded.

	2018		2017		2016		2015		2014
\$	42,000	\$	38,000	\$	36,000	\$	37,000	\$	31,000
(42,000)	_(_	38,000)		36,000)	_(_	37,000)	_(_	31,000)
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	ha ta	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	
\$	460,000	\$	426,000	\$	411,000	\$	343,000	\$	377,000
	9.13%		8.93%		8.76%		10.79%		8.22%

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Pension Liability Year Ended December 31, 2020

Changes of benefit terms:

There are no significant changes in benefit terms.

Changes of assumptions:

The 2018 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018:

- Changed mortality assumptions to the RP-2014 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2017.
- Adjusted retirement rates.
- Lowered disability rates.
- Adjusted the probability of a vested Regular member electing to receive a deferred benefit.
- Adjusted the merit component of the salary increase assumption.

The 2017 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of an experience study dated March 24, 2017:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.60%.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 3.75% to 3.50% per year.
- Decreased the discount rate from 7.50% to 7.00%.
- Decreased the wage growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.
- Decreased the payroll growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00% to 3.75% per year.
- Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
- Moved from an open 30 year amortization period to a closed 30 year amortization period for the UAL (unfunded actuarial liability) beginning June 30, 2014. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20 year period.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Trustees Corning Municipal Utilities Corning, Iowa

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of Corning Municipal Utilities as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Utilities' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Corning Municipal Utilities' internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Corning Municipal Utilities' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Corning Municipal Utilities' internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the Utilities' financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control which is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies: 20-I-A.

To the Board of Trustees Corning Municipal Utilities

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Corning Municipal Utilities' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters which are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Utilities' operations for the year ended December 31, 2020 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Utilities. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Responses to Findings

Corning Municipal Utilities' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Corning Municipal Utilities' responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utilities' internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the Utilities' internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Atlantic, Iowa April 28, 2021

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Schedule of Findings and Responses Year ended December 31, 2020

PART I - INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES

20-I-A Segregation of Duties:

<u>Criteria</u>: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. A good system of internal control provides for adequate segregation of duties so no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to completion. In order to maintain proper internal control, duties should be segregated so the authorization, custody and recording of transactions are not under the control of the same employee. This segregation of duties helps prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and maximizes the accuracy of the Utilities' financial statements.

<u>Condition</u>: A limited number of people have the primary responsibility for most of the accounting and financial reporting duties.

<u>Cause</u>: The Utilities has a limited number of employees which does not allow procedures to be established to adequately segregate duties or provide compensating controls through additional oversight of transactions and processes.

<u>Effect</u>: Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the Utilities' ability to prevent or detect and correct misstatements, error or misappropriation on a timely basis by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recognize that it may not be economically feasible for the Utilities to employ additional personnel for the sole purpose of segregating duties, however, it is our professional responsibility to bring this control deficiency to your attention. We recommend that the Board be aware of the lack of segregation of duties and that they act as an oversight group to the accounting personnel.

<u>Response</u>: The Board is aware of this lack of segregation of duties, but it is not economically feasible for the Utilities to employ additional personnel for this reason. The Board will continue to act as an oversight group.

Conclusion: Response accepted.

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Schedule of Findings and Responses - Continued Year ended December 31, 2020

PART II - REQUIRED STATUTORY REPORTING

- <u>20-II-A Certified Budget</u>: Disbursements during the year ended December 31, 2020 did not exceed amounts budgeted.
- <u>20-II-B Questionable Expenditures</u>: During the audit, we noted no expenditures of the Utilities' funds without proper documentation of public purpose.
- <u>20-II-C Travel Expense</u>: No expenditures of Utilities' money for travel expenses of spouses of Utilities' officials and/or employees were noted.
- <u>20-II-D Business Transactions</u>: The business transactions, which came to our attention during the course of our audit between the Utilities and the Utilities' officials and/or employees, are detailed as follows:

Name, Title and Business Connection	Description	Total <u>Transactions</u>
Scott Akin (Trustee), Part Owner Akin Ltd.	Materials and supplies	\$ 1,235

In accordance with Chapter 362.5(3) of the Code of Iowa, the transactions with Scott Akin (Trustee) do not appear to represent conflicts of interest since total transactions were less than \$6,000 during the fiscal year.

- <u>20-II-E Restricted Donor Activity</u>: No transactions were noted between the Utilities, Utilities officials, Utilities employees and restricted donors in compliance with Chapter 68B of the Code of Iowa.
- <u>20-II-F Bond Coverage</u>: Surety bond coverage of the Utilities' officials and employees appears to be in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- <u>20-II-G Board Minutes</u>: No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.
- <u>20-II-H Deposits and Investments</u>: We noted no instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Utilities' investment policy.
- <u>20-II-I Revenue Bonds</u>: No instances of non-compliance with the revenue bond resolutions were noted.

CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Schedule of Findings and Responses - Continued Year ended December 31, 2020

PART II - REQUIRED STATUTORY REPORTING - Continued

<u>20-II-J Economic Development</u>: During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Utilities paid \$33,000 to the Adams Community Economic Development Corporation. The Utilities Board has documented the public benefits received from this expenditure, however, it is disclosed here for public information.

According to Chapter 15A of the Code of Iowa and an Attorney General's opinion dated August 28, 1986, government financing of economic development may, in appropriate circumstances, serve a public purpose. The opinion advises the governing body to evaluate the public benefits to be obtained and discusses the specific criteria to be considered in documenting public purpose.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Board should continue to evaluate and document the public purpose served by these expenditures before authorizing further payments.

Response: We will continue to evaluate and document the public purpose in the future.

Conclusion: Response accepted.